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SUBJ: SOUTH LEBANON: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REF: (A) STATE 234805, (B) STATE 235946

1. PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR KHALIL HADDAD ASKED CHARGE TO CALL
AT PRESIDENCY MORNING OF OCT 4 AND DELIVERED TO HIM PRESIDENT
SARKIS' REPLY TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER (REF A). TEXT
AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER
OF SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1977, AND FOR THE GOOD WISHES THAT YOU
HAVE CONVEYED TO ME AT THE OCCASION OF THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY
OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MY CONSTITUTIONAL DUTIES.

I HAVE FOLLOWED WITH GREAT INTEREST YOUR VIEWS AND
COMMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
SOUTH LEBANON. LET ME EXTEND TO YOU MR. PRESIDENT, MY
PROFOUND APPRECIATION FOR YOUR VALUABLE PERSONAL
CONTRIBUTION AND THAT OF THE UNITED STATES WHICH HAVE
MADE POSSIBLE THE CEASEFIRE ARRANGED ON SEPTEMBER 26.

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YOUR COURAGE AND DETERMINATION UNDERLINE THE SPIRIT OF
DECENCY AND MORALITY WHICH CHARACTERIZE THE NEW TREND
IN AMERICAN DIPLOMACY. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INFORM
YOU THAT UNITS FROM THE NEW LEBANESE ARMY ARE BEING
PREPARED TO ASSERT THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY ON THAT PART
OF LEBANON AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY.

LET ME CONVEY ONCE MORE MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF
OF THE LEBANESE PEOPLE AND OF MYSELF, OUR GRATITUDE FOR
YOUR CONSTANT SUPPORT TO MY EFFORTS AIMING TO SAFEGUARD
THE INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY
AND NATIONAL UNITY OF LEBANON. FOR MY PART I WILL
CONTINUE MY ENDEAVORS TO PROMOTE AND DEVELOP FURTHER
THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN LEBANON AND THE
UNITED STATES. SINCERELY, ELIAS SARKIS.

(SIGNED ORIGINAL WHICH IS IN ENGLISH BEING TRANSMITTED
BY POUCH.)

2. HADDAD SAID THAT PRESIDENT SARKIS HAD VERY MUCH
APPRECIATED PRESIDENT CARTER'S LETTER, AS HE HOPED
THIS REPLY INDICATED. HADDAD ALSO SAID THAT HE AND
THE PRESIDENT WERE KEEPING BOTH THE FACT OF THIS EXCHANGE
OF MESSAGES AND THEIR CONTENTS VERY CONFIDENTIAL.
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